

QA-621
Clough House
1626 Little Creek Road
Chester vicinity
Queen Anne's County

Constructed 1951
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-621

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Clough House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 1626 Little Creek Road not for publication

city, town Chester, MD 21619-2738 ☒ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard Marc & Betsy Ewing, T/E

street and number 1626 Little Creek Road telephone

city, town Chester state MD zip code 21619-2738

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1292 folio 632

city, town Centreville tax map 64 tax parcel 115 tax ID number 04-008480

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary

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Constructed in 1951, the Clough House is a two-story, three-bay, frame dwelling with a side-gable roof. Its foundation was not visible at the time of the survey. The house is clad with asbestos shingles with a scalloped lower edge. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An interior brick chimney with a corbelled cap is located on the roof ridgeline, north of center. A parged, concrete block, exterior, flue chimney is located west of center on the house's north elevation. A full-width, one-story, shed-roofed porch extends across the house's façade. Square, wood posts with plain wood brackets support the porch roof. A one-story, shed-roofed addition is attached to the rear (west) elevation of the house at its southern end.

The Clough House's three-bay façade (east elevation) features one-over-one, double-hung, vinyl windows located in the two northernmost first-story bays. The windows display square-edged wood surrounds, a projecting wood sill, and a wood lintel that has a beaded top edge. The windows and surrounds are consistent on all of the house's visible elevations. A six-panel wood door is located in the southernmost first-story bay of the façade. The three second-story windows match those in the first story.

The house's north elevation contains one window in each story. Located at the east end of the elevation, these windows match those found on the façade. A large, louvered, metal vent occupies the gable. A small opening that pierces the north elevation's first story at the west end is entirely filled by a window-unit air conditioner.

The Clough House's south elevation is pierced by two windows in the first story. A square, one-light, fixed, wood window is located at the east end of the elevation, near the southeast corner of the house. A projecting, metal-and-glass, "greenhouse" window is located at the west end of the elevation. A single window located in the south elevation of the one-story, rear addition is occupied by a window that matches those found on the façade.

The south elevation's second story is also two bays in width; both bays are located in the western half of the elevation. The westernmost bay is occupied by a window that matches the façade's windows. The other bay is occupied by a twelve-light, wood door, with a metal storm door; there is no extant deck outside the doorway. A wood ledge attached to the wall underneath the doorway is likely a remnant of an earlier deck. A large, louvered, metal vent occupies the south elevation's gable; it is similar to the one found in the north elevation. The interior and the west elevation of the Clough House were not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1951

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Statement of Significance

The two-story, three-bay house at 1626 Little Creek Road was constructed in 1951 by Walter and Dorothy Clough on a lot that they purchased from Elmer Golt. In the mid-twentieth century, Elmer and his son Roy Golt subdivided their farm on the southwestern point of Crab Alley Neck, creating a suburban-form residential area that included commercial enterprises such as boatyards and a marina.

Narrative

In the nineteenth century, the land where the Clough House now stands was part of Broad Creek Farm, which occupied the south end of Crab Alley Neck between Crab Alley Creek and Little Creek. In 1917, Elmer Golt, a Kent Island farmer, purchased 102 acres of Broad Creek Farm.¹ Golt farmed the property over the next two decades, occasionally selling small parcels of the farm in the 1920s and 1930s.

In February 1946, Elmer Golt's heirs sold one-third of an acre on the west side of Little Creek Road to Walter E. and Dorothy E. Clough. This was one of several individual house lots that Elmer Golt's son, Roy, and the other Golt heirs sold between 1946 and 1966, continuing the piecemeal subdivision of the property.² In September 1946, Roy Golt bought the farm from the other heirs, and in 1955, he platted a larger subdivision of the farm, creating 22 waterfront lots along Crab Alley Creek.³ He extended the subdivision with four more house lots in 1965, and in 1968 he sold two larger parcels.⁴ Individual subdividers, like Roy Golt, were the earliest type of suburban developer.⁵ The U.S. Department of Commerce's 1928 *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* defined subdivision as "the division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots, plats, sites, or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of sale or of building development."⁶ The process of land subdivision for the purpose of selling the parcels is the apparatus by which suburban development occurs.⁷ Individual subdividers acquired or inherited land, platted lots and roads, and sometimes included improvements of the site such as utilities, sidewalks, and storm-water drains. The subdivider's role ended with the sale of the lot to a buyer.⁸ The subdivision of the Roy Golt farm in the decades after World War II illustrates the nationwide

¹ See Chain of Title, Continuation Sheet 8-2, for this and all subsequent deed references for this property.

² In the 1930 census, 33-year-old Roy Golt is described as a farm laborer, presumably assisting his father in running the farm. 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet No. 1A.

³ Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber TSP 24, Folio 68 (16 September 1955).

⁴ Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 16, Folio 600 (11 August 1965). Queen Anne's County Land Record, Liber CWC 39, Folio 191 (6 November 1968).

⁵ David L. Ames and Linda Flint McClelland, *National Register Bulletin: Historic Residential Suburbs: Guidelines for Evaluation and Documentation for the National Register of Historic Places* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002), p. 26.

⁶ The *Standard City Planning Enabling Act* was a model legislation document prepared for the use of local jurisdictions. Advisory Committee on City Planning and Zoning of the U.S. Department of Commerce, *A Standard City Planning Enabling Act* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1928), p. 6.

⁷ Ames and McClelland, p. 26.

⁸ Ames and McClelland identify the different types of suburban developers as subdividers, home-builders, community builders, operative builders, and merchant builders, from earliest to most recent. Over the course of the twentieth century, the developer evolved from the individual subdivider, like Roy Golt, to home building

9. Major Bibliographical References

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U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1930.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.28 acres

Acreage of historical setting 102 acres

Quadrangle name Kent Island

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 64, grid 9, parcel 115 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	History Matters, LLC	date	December 21, 2007
street & number	1502 21 st Street, NW, 2 nd Floor	telephone	(202) 223-8845
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Department of Planning
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Secondary Resources (buildings, sites, structures, objects.)

Two non-historic outbuildings are located at the rear of the property, to the west of the Clough House. The northernmost building is a circa 1980, one-story, frame shed that faces east. It is clad with plywood, and has a shed roof sheathed with corrugated metal. A shed-roofed overhang runs the length of the shed's east elevation; it is also covered with corrugated metal. A two-leaf, flush, plywood door is centered in the shed's east elevation. Its other elevations were not visible at the time of the survey.

The second outbuilding was minimally visible at the time of the survey. It appears to be a barn-like structure of recent construction. The east elevation of the building appeared to be devoid of fenestration.

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postwar housing boom, the concurrent decrease in farmland, and the increase in suburban-style housing developments that occurred both in Queen Anne's County and nationwide after the war.

In 1951, Walter and Dorothy Clough constructed the two-story, three-bay dwelling that currently stands on the lot.⁹ Walter Clough's father, Washington, was an oyster tonger, and Walter grew up on Kent Island near the Golt farm.¹⁰ In 1973, the Cloughs sold the property to Edward and Bonnie Smith, who sold the parcel to Ricky G. and Linda M. Kubert in 1975. The Kuberts built the one-story, frame shed and barn at the rear of the property. In 1978, after the Cloughs had moved from the Little River Creek property, Walter Clough was elected sheriff of Queen Anne's County.¹¹

corporations that developed entire neighborhoods or towns, like The Rouse Company, developer of Columbia, Md., in the late 1960s. Ames and McClelland, pp. 26-29.

⁹ The current tax assessment assigns a 1951 construction date to the dwelling.

¹⁰ 1930 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Fourth Election District, Kent Island, Enumeration District No. 18-8, Sheet No. 1A.

¹¹ "List of County Sheriffs since 1777," *The Office of the Sheriff, Queen Anne's County* (Centreville, Md.: Office of the Sheriff, Queen Anne's County, 2007), accessed 12 December 2007, <<http://www.queenannesherriff.org/list.html>>.

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Chain of Title

24 August 2004

Grantor: Charles D. & Mary P. Foster
Grantee: Richard Marc & Betsy Ewing
Liber SM 1292, folio 632
12,000 ft²

11 June 1987

Grantor: Bernie Leon Weaver
Grantee: Charles D. & Mary P. Foster
Liber MWM 282, folio 518
12,000 ft²

13 August 1985

Grantor: Ricky G. & Linda M. Kubert
Grantee: Bernie Leon Weaver
Liber MWM 236, folio 620
12,000 ft²

4 August 1975

Grantor: Edward Alfred & Bonnie Jo Smith
Grantee: Ricky G. & Linda M. Kubert
Liber CWC 95, folio 707 (mortgage: Liber CWC 95, folio 710)
12,000 ft²

29 June 1973

Grantor: Walter Edward & Dorothy Eileen Clough
Grantee: Edward A. & Bonnie J. Smith
Liber CWC 75, folio 668
12,000 ft²

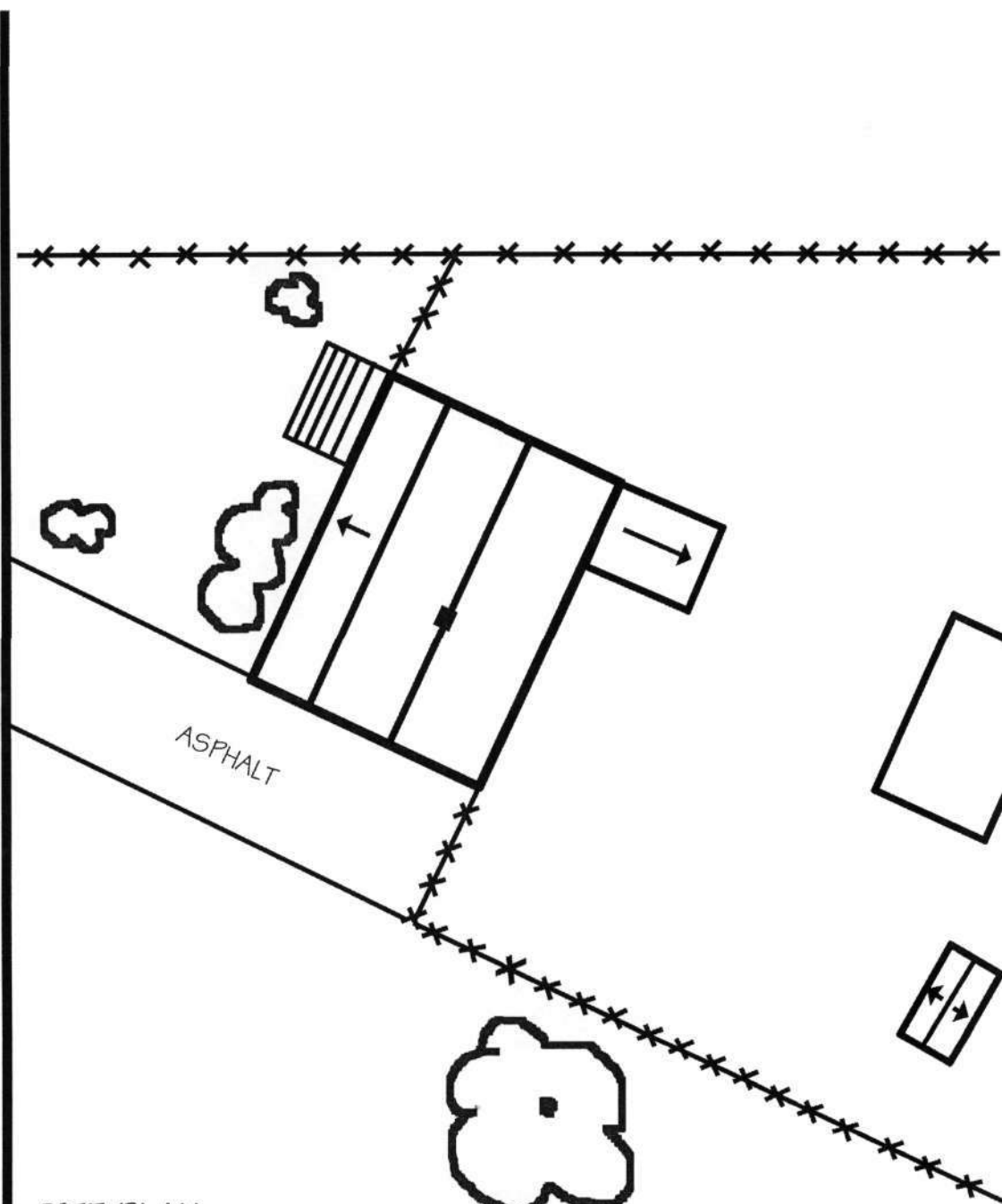
28 February 1946

Grantor: Roy E. Golt, et al.
Grantee: Walter E. & Dorothy E. Clough
Liber ASG, Jr. 13, folio 126
"Being part of the property conveyed by Mary E. E. McCready [*sic*] to Elmer Golt by deed dated Jan. 8th, 1917, and recorded among the land records of Queen Anne's County in Liber W. F. W. #10, folio 103, etc; and being part of the land of which Elmer Golt died seized and possessed, intestate, and which descended unto his two children and only heirs at law, to wit, Roy E. Golt and Medford E. Golt, his two sons."
12,000 ft²

8 January 1917

Grantor: Mary E.C. McCready
Grantee: Elmer Golt
Liber WFW 10, folio 103
"... being the farm known as part of Broad Creek which was devised to the said Mary C. E. McCready née Wright, by the will of James Wright, being dated the sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy seven and recorded in Liber W.A.J. No. 1, folio 342 etc a will record book for said Queen Anne's County."
102 acres

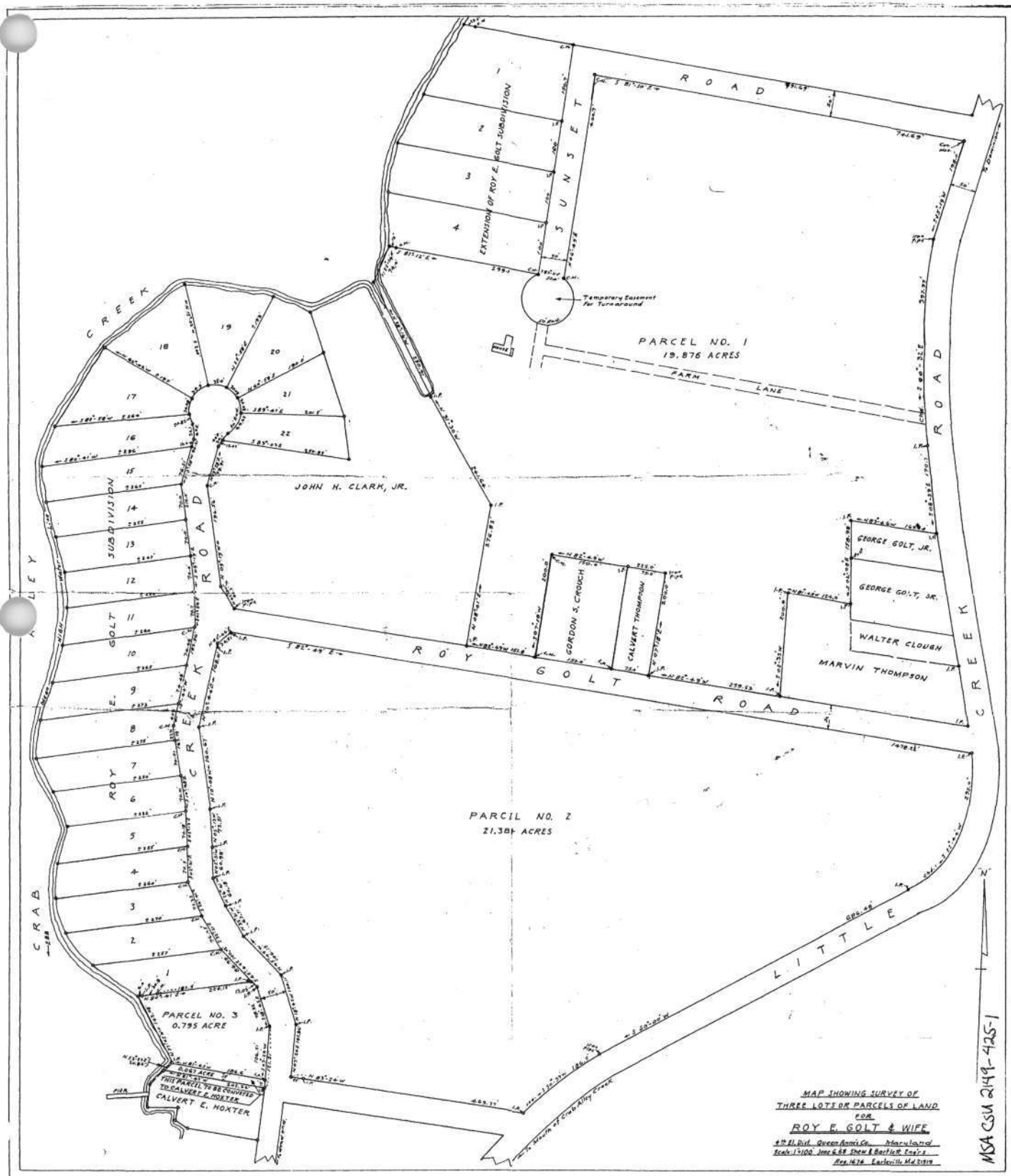
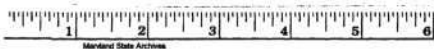
LITTLE CREEK ROAD



SITE PLAN
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CLOUGH HOUSE
1626 LITTLE CREEK ROAD
CHESTER VICINITY
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

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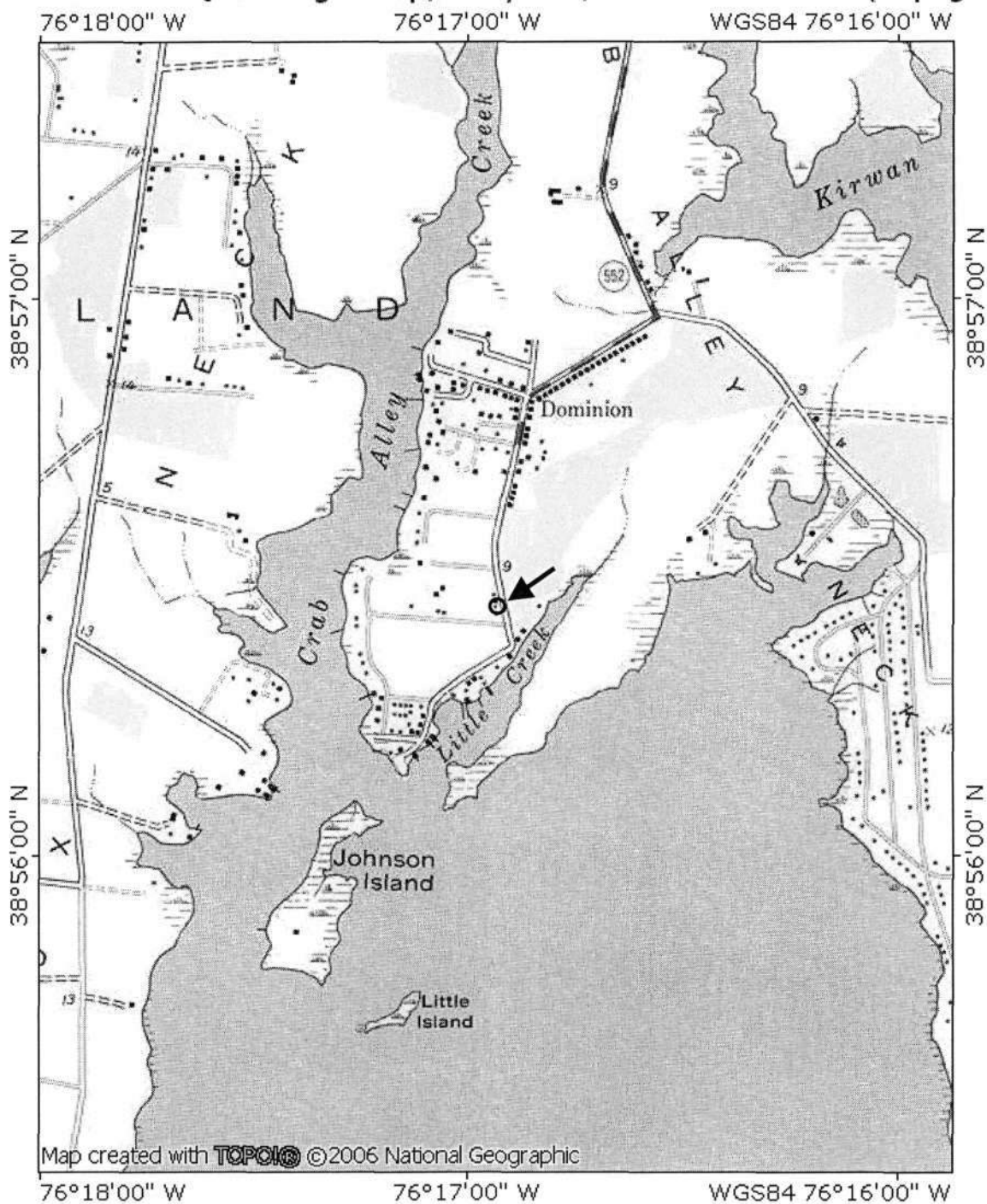
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3 plat showing the subdivision of the Roy E. Golt Farm. On the right-hand side, lining the west side of Little Creek Road, are: QA-619, George and Helen Golt House; QA-620, George and Lillian Golt House; QA-621, Clough House; and QA-622, Roy and Lillian Golt House.

[Plat 60810, Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber CWC 39, folio 191, 6 November 1968.]

USGS Kent Island Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Facade (east elevation)

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East + north facades, Looking SW

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